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Dear Hallandale Beach Mayor and Commission,

Thank you for your continued support of Hallandale Beach Crime Watch, Inc., the Hallandale Beach Police Department and our liaison to this City, Andrew Casper. It is our pleasure to present this annual update to you, our membership and all the residents of Hallandale Beach whom we serve. Your Hallandale Beach Crime Watch is a cohesive body of concerned citizens addressing issues that concern the entire community.

The 2008 Hallandale Beach Crime Watch Board of Directors included Alexander Lewy as President, Vice Presidents Clara Brown and Chaive Mesmer, Treasurer Lawrence Fine, and Secretary Lynn Williams. We teach citizens techniques to reduce the risk of being victimized at home and in public; train citizens on the importance of recognizing suspicious activities and how to report them; teach participants how to make their homes more secure and properly identify their property; and allow neighbors to get to know each other and their routines so that any out of place activity can be reported and investigated.

Because there are so many ways to participate in Crime Watch we have few requirements for membership. Our By-Laws state that an active participant is a general member who either serves on a committee appointed by the Board or Director, chairs an event that is sponsored by Crime Watch, or becomes a Block Captain. He/she may also participate by soliciting donations and/or goods for Crime Watch's "National Night Out" and working for the organization on that night. Other ways to be an active participant would be to hold a Block Party, solicit new members, or to speak at a meeting convened at a condominium for the purposes of promoting Crime Watch in the community. Crime Watch does not charge dues for membership but does gladly accept donations and contributions from the membership and the community at large.

Since February 2007 our meetings have gathered between 15 to 30 members depending on the season. They have had the privilege of being briefed by various representatives of the Hallandale Beach Police Department, a representative of the FBI and have worked in cooperation with and supported Victims Advocacy of Broward County and Broward County Special Olympics among others.

As a private Non Profit Corporation registered with the State of Florida, Hallandale Beach Crime Watch, Inc., (FEI Number 650978386), is proud of its active partnership with the City of Hallandale Beach, the Hallandale Beach Police Athletic League and the Hallandale Beach Weed & Seed. With your support we were able to raise over \$5000 dollars in 2008. Every single dollar was and is used to host our monthly meetings, support our special programs and fund our National Night Out Against Crime & Drugs.

The 25th Annual National Night Out Against Crime & Drugs held on August 5, 2008 was a huge success. With over 500 people in attendance and wide support from community business leaders we were able to make our event first class. Our top sponsors in order of level of donation were Vista Health Plans, Gulfstream Racing and Casino, Mardi Gras Gaming and Comcast. Many other local businesses were very supportive with both financial and in-kind donations. We are thankful for the support of these civic minded businesses and hope for their continued support this month as we announce the 26th Annual National Night Out Against Crime & Drugs on Tuesday, August 4, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. We invite you and our entire City to join us during our monthly meetings held at the Hallandale Beach Community Cultural Center every first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. On behalf of the 2008 Hallandale Beach Crime Watch Board of Directors I thank you for your support and on behalf of the 2009 Hallandale Beach Crime Watch Board of Directors I ask for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Alexander S. Lewy

President